

Andrew Kontomerkos HB 5537

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Dear PHC Members,

I write to ask you to strongly support and vote in the affirmative to add bill language for the modernization of the CT Naturopathic physician scope of practice to HB 5537. The language needs to be attached to this bill so it can come before the Public Health Committee for consideration. This Naturopathic scope of practice law is 90 years old and has not kept pace with the significant advances in education and training of Naturopathic doctors in the ensuing decades. These changes are necessary for the people of Connecticut in order to:

- improve healthcare access
- improve healthcare continuity
- improve coordination of care
- meeting primary care needs
- enhanced education and training
- consistency with ND scope across states
- cost and time savings to patients and 3rd party payers

Thank you,
Andrew Kontomerkos